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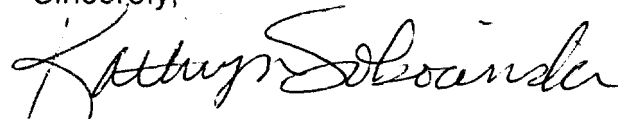
Dear Secretary Shalala,

It is my understanding that the FDA will soon be considering changes in the labeling of irradiated food. I am writing to express my strong concern about any possible weakening of labeling requirements.

It is a fact that food products that have been irradiated undergo nutritional changes. People have a right to know what they are purchasing. Labels are required by law to be truthful for consumers. As the Secretary of Health & Human Services, I hope that you will defend the consumer's health and right to know if the food they are eating has been irradiated.

Please consider what further consequences may result from exposure to radio active materials to unsuspecting consumers. Don't let "agri-business" and the "nuclear power industry" sway the U.S. government over its' citizens right to know.

Sincerely,



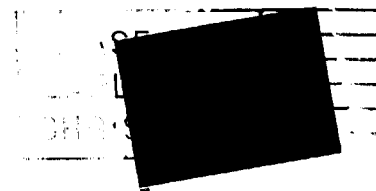
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